



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Arlington Heights Police
4 Chief Rodney L. Kath on his retirement, on May 26, 2004, after
5 39 years of service to the Arlington Heights Police Department;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In 1965, Rodney Kath began working for the
8 Arlington Heights Police Department in the radio room, a
9 position which turned into a police officer appointment and the
10 following May officially began his career with the police
11 department; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the next 9 years, he attained assignments in
13 all divisions in the police department and ended up
14 concentrating on the development of a juvenile division in the
15 mid 1970s; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1975, he was promoted to sergeant and remained
17 in juvenile investigations until his promotion to lieutenant in
18 1977; in 1980, Rodney Kath was named chief of police for the
19 Arlington Heights Police Department; and

20 WHEREAS, Northwest Central Dispatch Systems was developed
21 by Arlington Heights with only four municipalities and has
22 grown to 16 police and fire departments; and

23 WHEREAS, Under Chief Kath's leadership, the department has
24 grown from a staff of 31 in the mid 1960s, to its current 113
25 police officers and 39 civilian employees for a total staff of
26 151 people; and

27 WHEREAS, Chief Kath's leadership has provided the citizens
28 of Arlington Heights with an outstanding, well trained
29 department that provides a strong commitment for service to the

1 entire Village; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate Arlington Heights Police Chief Rodney L. Kath on
5 his retirement after many years of dedicated service to the
6 people of Arlington Heights; and we wish him well in all his
7 future endeavors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Chief Rodney L. Kath as an token of our respect
10 and esteem.